

purposes, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(e) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—The Haines Tank Farm is currently under a remedial investigation (RI) for petroleum, oil and lubricants contamination. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect or limit the application of, or any obligation to comply with, any environmental law, including the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.).

(f) **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property to be conveyed under this section shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(g) **ADDITIONAL TERM AND CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

SA 1574. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 201, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 635. TRANSPORTATION OF ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE OF MEMBERS ON CHANGE OF PERMANENT STATION TO OR FROM NONFOREIGN AREAS OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

(a) **AUTHORITY TO TRANSPORT ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE.**—Subsection (a) of section 2634 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the sentence following paragraph (4);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D), respectively;

(3) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”;

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) One additional motor vehicle of a member (or a dependent of the member) may be transported as provided in paragraph (1) if—

“(A) the member is ordered to make a change of permanent station to or from a nonforeign area outside the continental United States and the member has at least one dependent of driving age who will use the motor vehicle; or

“(B) the Secretary concerned determines that a replacement for the motor vehicle transported under paragraph (1) is necessary for reasons beyond the control of the member and is in the interest of the United States and the Secretary approves the transportation in advance.”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Such subsection is further amended—

(1) by striking “his dependents” and inserting “a dependent of the member”;

(2) by striking “him” and inserting “the member”;

(3) by striking “his” and inserting “the member”;

(4) by striking “his new” and inserting “the member’s new”; and

(5) in paragraph (1)(C), as redesignated by subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “clauses (1) and (2)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A) and (B)”;

(B) by inserting “or” after the semicolon.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Paragraph (2)(A) of subsection (a) of section 2634 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(4), shall apply with respect to orders issued on or after the date of the enactment of this Act for members of the Armed Forces to make a change of permanent station to or from nonforeign areas outside the continental United States.

(d) **OFFSETS.**—

(1) **DEFENSE TRANSFORMATION AGENCY R&D ACTIVITIES.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(a)(4) for research, development, test, and evaluation for Defense-wide activities is hereby decreased by \$15,000,000, with the amount of the decrease to be derived from amounts available for Business Transformation Agency R&D Activities (PE# 0605020BTA) and allocated to the Defense Travel System.

(2) **ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**—

(A) **TOTAL AMOUNT FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE.**—The total amount authorized to be appropriated by section 2404(a) for military construction, land acquisition, and military family housing functions of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments) is hereby decreased by \$23,000,000.

(B) **ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS.**—

(i) **REDUCED AUTHORITY.**—The amount authorized for energy conservation projects under section 2403 is hereby decreased by \$23,000,000.

(ii) **REDUCED AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 2404(a)(6) for energy conservation projects is hereby decreased by \$23,000,000, with the amount of such decrease to be derived from amounts available for the Energy Conservation Improvement Program.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, July 21, entitled, “Excessive Speculation in the Wheat Market.” This hearing is a followup to the June 24 Subcommittee release of a 247-page staff report entitled, *Excessive Speculation in the Wheat Market*, examining how commodity index traders, in the aggregate, have made such large purchases on the Chicago wheat futures market that they have pushed up futures prices, disrupted the normal relationship between futures prices and cash prices for wheat, and caused farmers, grain elevators, grain processors, and others to experience significant unwarranted costs and price risks. The Subcommittee hearing will examine the nature of the problems caused by index trading in the wheat market and possible solutions, including applying standard position limits to index traders instead of exempting them. Witnesses for the upcoming hearing will include representatives of CFTC, and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, as

well as representatives of wheat producers, users, consumers, and index traders.

The Subcommittee hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at 202-224-9505.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on July 23, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 637, Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System Act of 2009; S. 789, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act; S. 1080, A bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and S. 1453, To amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Gina.Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Tanya Trujillo at (202) 224-5479 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on “Regulating Hedge Funds and Other Private Investment Pools.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in room 325 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Identification Security: Reevaluating the REAL ID Act."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to continue the hearing on the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SPECTER. I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be given to Linda Hoffa, a detailee in my office.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Bill Curlin, an Air Force fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate on the Defense authorization bill of 2010.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BINGAMAN, I make a unanimous consent request that Jonathan Epstein, a professional staff member with the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on S. 1390, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 509, and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 509) to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 509) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 509

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

**SECTION 1. MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MEDICAL CENTER, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON.**

(a) AUTHORIZATION FOR MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out a major medical facility project for the construction of a new multiple specialty outpatient facility, campus renovation and upgrades, and additional parking at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, with the project to be carried out in an amount not to exceed \$71,400,000.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009 for the Construction, Major Projects account, \$71,400,000 for the project authorized in subsection (a).

NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE
AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 211, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 211) supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 211) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 211

Whereas life insurance is an essential part of a sound financial plan;

Whereas life insurance provides financial security for families by helping surviving members meet immediate and long-term financial obligations and objectives in the event of a premature death in the family;

Whereas approximately 68,000,000 United States citizens lack the adequate level of life insurance coverage needed to ensure a secure financial future for their loved ones;

Whereas life insurance products protect against the uncertainties of life by enabling individuals and families to manage the financial risks of premature death, disability, and long-term care;